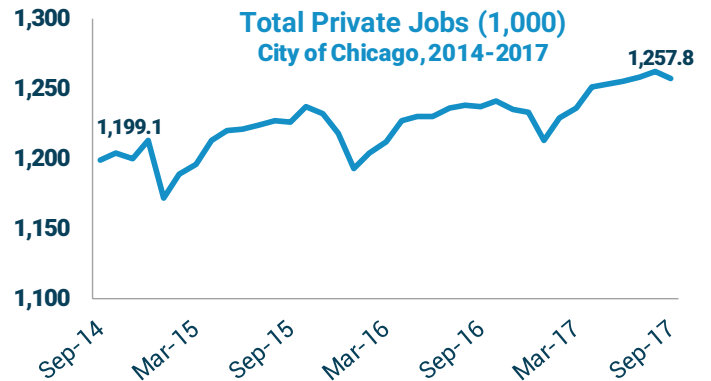
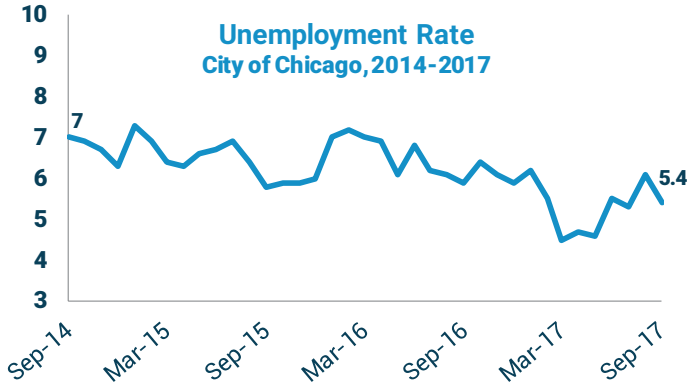


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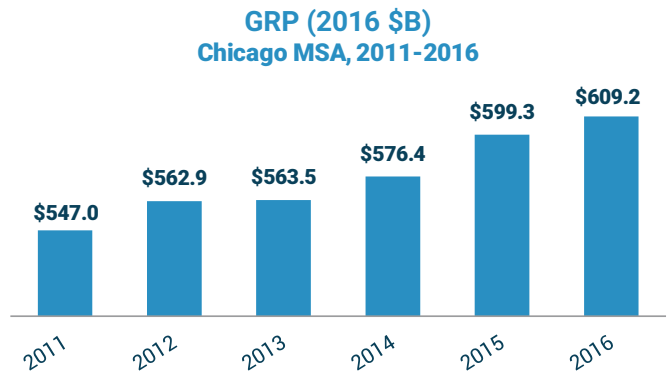
Key Trends

- The Chicago (city) economy has **expanded by an estimated 10,922 jobs** year-over-year since September 2016. The largest gains were in the Financial Activities (+6,162) and Educational and Health Services (+3,297) sectors.
- The City of Chicago's **unemployment rate decreased** from 6.4 in September 2016 to 5.4 in September 2017.
- **Air cargo tonnage increased** by 15.7%, from 146,497.3 in August 2016 to 169,545.6 in August 2017.
- The **Chicago Business Barometer (Purchasing Managers Index) increased** from 54.2 in September 2016 to 65.2 in September 2017.

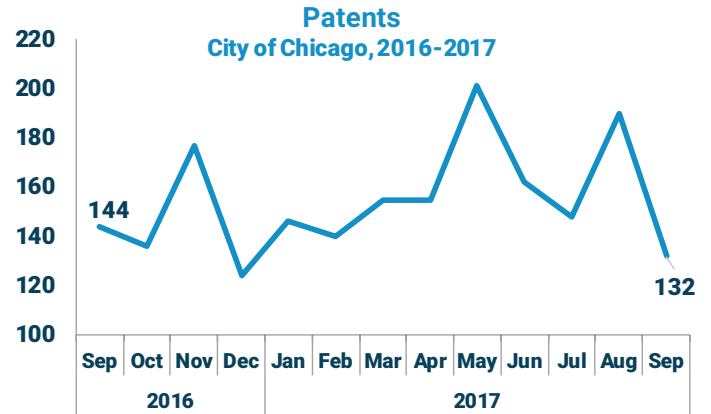
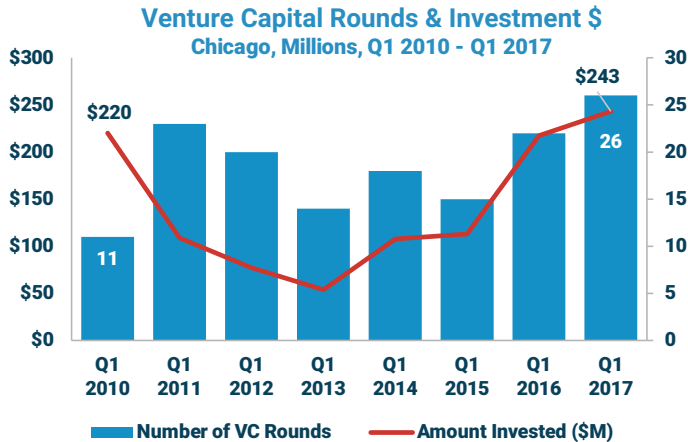
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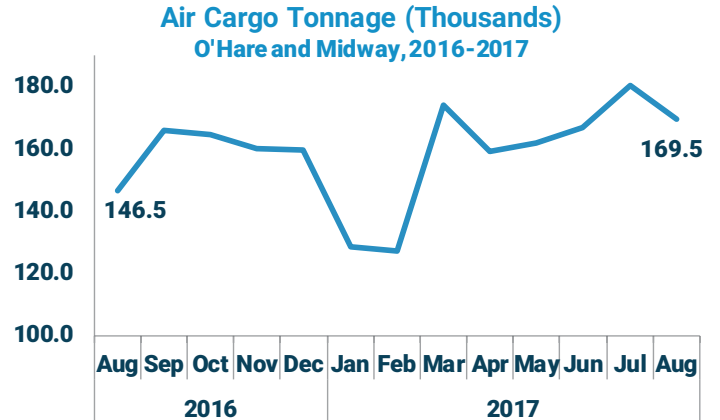
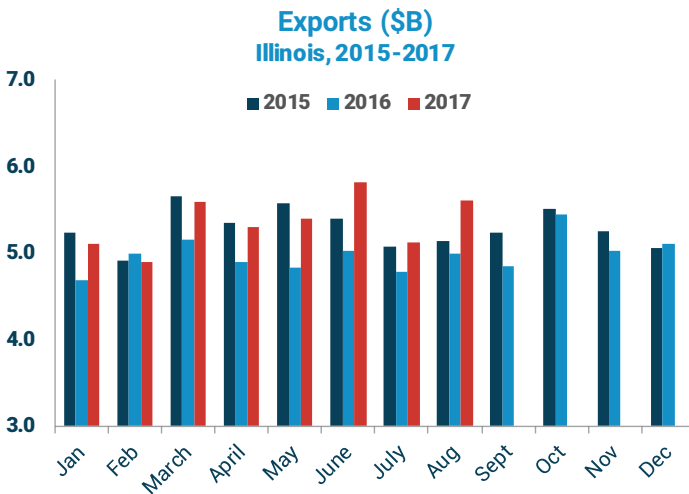
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Data is current as of 10/30/17, preliminary estimates are subject to revision. Data is not adjusted for seasonality unless noted. The Chicago metropolitan statistical area (MSA) consists of a 14-county, tri-state region: Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties in Illinois; Jasper, Lake, Newton, and Porter counties in Indiana; and Kenosha County in Wisconsin. Midwest data reflects totals for Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. Venture capital refers to cash investments by corporations and individuals into companies that have received at least one round of venture funding.

Sources: Illinois Department of Employment Security, American Institute of Architects, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, USA Trade Online, Manpower Group, Chicago Department of Aviation, Institute for Supply Management, Dow Jones VentureSource.